

A portion of the ~~American~~ press predicts that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales will be the future viceroy of the United States of British America, and it is quite evident that the whole subject is rather distasteful to our neighbours over the border. They have long calculated that these colonies, with all their vast and varied resources, would eventually fall into the Union, and take their places as so many States, under the "star spangled banner". Many of the colonists, too, have entertained the same opinion—not to say hope; but the tide of public feeling in the colonies, is now setting quite in another direction. The late visit of the noble scion of the illustrious House of Brunswick Hanover, to these colonies, which remained firm to their allegiance to Britain during the general revolt of the New England Provinces, has stirred the loyal feelings of the subjects of our beloved Queen, on this side the Atlantic to their lowest depths. The demonstrations which this visit have called forth in each of these noble colonies, have struck the death blow to the once cherished hopes of "Annexation", both in the United States and in the colonies. Yes, these hopes are departed, and the acclamations which everywhere greeted His Royal Highness on his landing among these British people, were at once the joyous peals which announced the birth of new aspirations for perpetual adherence to the glorious old land of our fathers, and the knell which heralded the death and obsequies of every hope for annexation to the United States.

For a series of years the certain indications of the near approach of a bright day for British America, have been making their appearance. Thanks to the patriotic labours of many distinguished colonists, among whom our own Howe, Johnston, Cunard, and the Youngs, living and departed, have severally done good service, the darkness which formerly enveloped these colonies, and concealed them from the view of Britain, has been dissipated, and they now stand revealed in the first tints of morning light, which will brighten, ere long, into a day of resplendent glory.

There can be no doubt that the late royal visit has been the result of the knowledge which our own statesmen have imparted to Britain, in reference to the value and importance of British America; and now, since a country, containing four millions of square miles, with internal and coast navigation unparallded in the world, with an extremely fertile soil, inexhaustible forests of the finest timber, immense mineral resources, and an active and gallant population, whose devotion and loyalty to the mother country, his Royal Highness has had abundant opportunity of witnessing and appreciating: since such a country, and such a people, have been visited and closely observed by his Royal Highness and the noble Duke of Newcastle,—men whose power and influence can easily direct a full tide of prosperity upon us, surely it is not extravagant to hope that this power and influence will be put forth.

That a political union of these colonies is already determined upon by the Imperial Government, there is now no room to doubt; but what is to be the definite form which this measure will assume, we leave others to discuss. The union for which we are looking and hoping, and from which